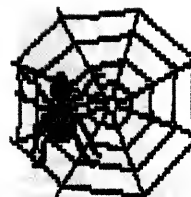


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A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
 Raw Power, and Naked Greed
 "Oh, what a tangled web we weave
 When first we practice to deceive!"
 --Sir Walter Scott--



13 Jul 07

(#263)

Wilson & Anderson Win DUNE!

In a classic example of the strength of an unopposed alliance, the Atreides and Guild have pulled off a three turn victory. We hardly got the pieces out of the box. So why not start another immediately? This time an alliance needs all five strongholds to win on Turns 1-10 and four thereafter. Will need faction preferences (Ix, Landsraad, and BT are available -- see References 1-3 for rules peculiar to them).

Note that we're moving the deadline this time from the first Friday to the first Monday due to WBC.

We have some pages to fill. We have a bare quorum (Anderson, Barrett, Nichols and Scott), for *MACHIAVELLI*, so let's go with Scenario II. Send nation preference list for 4-, 5- and 6- player game (in case others join) and druthers on optional and advanced rules. "Boris XVIII" could end next time, so need sign-ups soonest for "XIX" -- for what would *BORIS* be without a *DIPLOMACY* game?

IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

DUNE: New game, all 9 factions available

MACHIAVELLI: Struggle for Dominance (Pt 1) Scenario. Have 4 could use up to two more.

WIZARD'S QUEST: Need 1 to 3 more.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Thinking is, or ought to be, a coolness; and our poor hearts throb and our poor brains beat too much for that." -- Herman Melville

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: "Balkan Wars", Games 1, 2 & 3 have been posted. The Hall of Fame file has been updated.

Remember that the World Boardgaming Championships will be held in Lancaster, PA on 31 Jul-5 Aug 07 (Reference 4). Expect to see Boris and Ms Nar there. Boris will be an Asst GM for the *GANGSTERS* and *MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA* tournaments.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: The Sultan and Sultana all dressed up for the Crown Prince's wedding.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award and free issue go this month to Jack Shacklett for his *KINGMAKER* press.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Andy York.

REFERENCE:

1. http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/variants/g_hola.html
2. <http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/variants/ix.html>
3. <http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/variants/Landsraad.html>
4. <http://www.boardgamers.org>

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 6 Aug 07



Nichols Back!!
Is the End Nigh?
Spring 1911

XVIII
2005F

CLIFFHOME: The leaderless German Army had to look no farther than its own prison in Paris to find a successor to the missing Kaiser Tim. Karel, lately Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, and, more recently, King of France has agreed to ascend the vacant German throne. Well, perhaps the third time is the charm. Probably not. With the Turk's occupation of BEL, he only needs two more centers to win. These could easily be TRI or MUN where he holds a 6:3 advantage over Italian troops or, with perfidious Albion's complicity, STP and DEN. An army into LON conveyed by Italy is not impossible. The world holds its collective breath.

TROOP MOVEMENT

German A HOL retreats to BEL. Germany disbands F DEN. Turkey builds A CON.

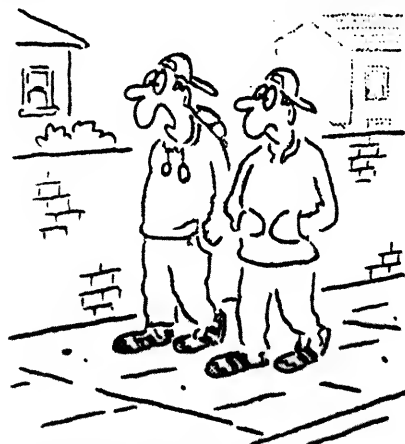
ENGLAND (Anderson): F Ska S F Nth-Den, F Nth-Den, F Nwg-Nth.
GERMANY (Nichols): [A Bel-Ruh](d), [A Bur S A Bel-Ruh], [A Par-Pic];
ITALY (Copeland): F Eng S TUR A Ruh-Bel, F Spa(sic)-Mid, F Bre-Gas, A Tri H, [A Pic S A Mun-Bur], F Ion H, F Mar H, [A Mun-Bur], [A Tri-Mun], F Nap S F Ion;
RUSSIA (R. Fisher): A Nwy S A StP, F Swe S ENG F Nth-Den, A StP H;
TURKEY (Shacklett): A Hol S A Kie, A Ruh-Bel, F Gre S F Aeg, A Kie S A Hol, F Aeg S F Gre, [A Mos-StP], A Sil-Ber, A Lvn S A Mos-StP, F Bla-Con, A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Vie, A War-Sil, A Ser H, A Rum-Bud, A Con-Bul.

Orders in brackets fail; amb = ambiguous, NBR = no build received, NDR = no disband received, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, oth = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = retreats somewhere.

Due next are orders for Fall 1911 and Press. Ms Nar loves Press. See website for transcript and current map.

EMBASSY BEAT

England to World -- King and Queen Anderson visited the former colonies over the July 4th holiday in a effort to foster better relations and looking for possible spots to relocate the palace after All Jacks apparent upcoming victory.



"My grandparents are at that worrying age when they're out all night at Rolling Stones concerts."

Matt/Daily Telegraph/London



DUNE
Turn 3c
A/G Win!!



The Board:

ATREIDES (Anderson): 3T @ Arrakeen, 9T @ Carthag; 8R, 5S, KH(0/7), 5L, 4C
BENE GESSERIT (Martin): 2T @ Carthag, Tuek's Stetch; 1T @ Habbanya Ridge Stetch, S Mesa; 1S, 15R, 5L, 4C
EMPEROR (Fisher): 8R, 4*R, 22S, 4L, 3C
FREMEN (Barrett): 3T @ Stetch Tabr, 7T @ Habbanya Ridge Stetch, 3T @ Great Flat, 2T, 1* @ Hagga Basin(s13); 4L, 2T, 1*, 7S, 2C
GUILD (K Wilson): 5T @ Tuek's Stetch, 5T @ Red Chasm, 5T @ Stetch Tabr; 5R, 18S, 5L, 4C
HARKONNEN (Nichols): 9T Carthag, 1T @ Hagga Basin(s13), 9R, 0S, 5L, 4C
Storm: @ Sector 3
Spice Blows: The Great Flat (4), Red Chasm(8), Hagga Basin(6)
Tanks: E: Cald, 1*, 7T. H: 1T, F: Mapes, 2*, 2T.

3.5 Combat:

Hagga Basin: F 3T, 1* @ vs H 1T. F plays La La La, Otheym, 2S, and dials 4. H plays Beast Rabban, 0S, and dials 0.5. 9 wins 8:4.5, but all tokens go to the tanks.

Carthag: H 9T @ vs A 9T. A plays Karama and forcees H's entire battle plan. H plays Truthtrance and asks "Do you have a Shield card in hand?" The answer is "Yes", H then plays Karama and steals A's hand, returning _____, & _____. A plays Lady J, Stunner, 3S, and dials 5. H plays F Rautha, SlipTip, 0S, and dials 4. Lady J and Rautha are killed. A wins 5:4 and collects 11S for the leaders. Kwitzach Hadderach is now available.

Stetch Tabr: F 3T @ vs G 5T. A foresees that F is not playing a poison defense. G plays Staban Tuek, Gom Jabbar, Snooper, 4S and dials 4. F plays Kulon, Stilgar, 3S, and dials 3. Stilgar is killed and G wins 9:3. G gets 7S.

The A/G alliance holds four strongholds and thus win the game.

The Board:

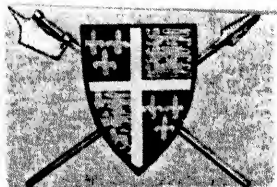
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EMPEROR (Fisher): 8R, 4*R, 22S, 4L, 3C
FREMEN (Barrett): 7T @ Habbanya Ridge Stetch, 3T @ Great Flat; 3L, 2R, 1*, 1S, 0C
GUILD (K Wilson): 5T @ Tuek's Stetch, 5T @ Red Chasm, 1T @ Stetch Tabr; 5R, 21S, 5L, 4C
HARKONNEN (Nichols): 9R, 0S, 4L, 1C
Storm: @ Sector 3
Spice Blows: The Great Flat (4), Red Chasm(8), Hagga Basin(6)
Tanks: A: Lady J, 7T; E: Cald, 1*, 7T. H: Rautha, 11T, F: Mapes, Stilgar, 3*, 7T; G: 4T.

Due next time are postgame comments.

LEGEND: * = starred token, (@) = aggressor, A = Atreides, B = Bene Gesserit, C = card, E = Emperor, F = Fremem, G = Guild, H = Harkonnen, KH = Kwitzach Haderach, L = leaders, S = spice, s# = sector #, T = token.

--KINGMAKER (continued from p 4)

Corfe. Berkeley, Duke of York, Fitzalan, Holland, Pole, Scrope @ Preston. Bouchier @ Beaumaris; Howard in Penzance. Clifford, Courtenay & Stanley on the Continent. Cromwell in Tattershall. Hastings in Tutbury. Mowbray in Wressle. Percy in Ailwick,
SHIPS: Le Christopher, Le Margarete, Le Lucas @ Beaumaris, Le Michael interned @ Carisbrooke; Le Nicholas @ Chichester, Le George @ Rye, Le Swan & Le Trinity @ Penzance.
HEIRS: Reds: King Henry in Ailwick w/ Percy, Margaret & Edward of Wales in Beaumaris; Artie & Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan in Preston. Whites: Richard of York in Preston w/ Holland, George @ Mf w/ Stafford; Edmund II of March @ Milford Haven. Richard of Gloucester, Edmund of Rutland (RUP).



KINGMAKER

"King of Pain"
Parliament Fizzles

KoP

The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dowrey): Fitzalan (30), Warden of the Northern Marches ((1)50), Flemish Crossbowmen(20), Scottish Mercs(50), Stanley (50), Earl of Richmond(40), Marshal of England(100), *Le Lucas*, Bouchier (10). Event cards (1), Crown Cards (5).

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole (30), Chancellor of England (50); Scrope (10), Earl of Wiltshire (30), Chancellor of Cornwall ((1)50), Swansea ((20)), Leicester ((20)); Holland (20), Duke of York (30). Courtenay(30), Admiral of England (50). Lancaster ((20)). Event cards (6), Crown Cards (5).

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray (50), Treasurer of England (50); Hastings (10), Bishop of Carlisle ((30)). Cromwell (10), Earl of Kent (30), Constable of London ((2)50). Percy (100), Lieutenant of Ireland ((2)50), Archbishop of York ((30)), Bishop of Durham ((30)), Northampton ((20)), *Le Nicholas*. Carisbrooke, Calais, Newcastle. Event cards (4), Crown Cards (7).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford (30), Chamberlain of Chester ((2)50), Nottingham ((20)); Neville (50); Audley (10), Saxons (10); Roos (20), Herbert (10), Talbot (30). Event cards (5), Crown Cards (3).

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Howard (10), Duke of Exeter (20), Warden of the Cinque Ports (50), Archbishop of Canterbury, Bristol ((30)), Coventry ((20)), *Le Swan*; Clifford (10), Earl of Worcester (30), Captain of Calais ((3)50), Bishop of Lincoln, *Le Michael*, Flemish Crossbowmen (20), Burgundian Crossbowmen (30). Event cards (6), Crown Cards (1).

TURN 27 (Parliament):

Staffordshire Quarterstaffs activate Greystoke with Irish Kerns (50) and Burgundian Crossbowmen (30). Percy gives Bishop of Durham, Northampton, Carisbrooke, Calais, and Newcastle to Hastings. Percy becomes owner of *Le Rose*. Beaufort becomes Constable of London. Cromwell becomes Steward of the Royal Household.

MOVEMENT:

MH: All stay at Preston.

TCC: All stay at Preston.

KPP: All return to home castles (Mowbray goes to Wressle. Percy goes to Alnwick.)

SG: Parliament-Nc-Nb-Mh-Mg-Mf

WF: Sails from Milford Haven-Penzance.

COMBAT: None

CROWN CARDS: MH & TCC get cards. KPP will get the next card.

TURN 28

EVENT CARDS:

MH: #27, Storms at Sea = n/e.

TCC: #41, Embassy from the King of the Scots. King to Preston (n/e). Reshuffle at end of turn.

KPP: #55, Revolt in Wales. Talbot to Ludlow.

SG: #77, Plague in Kingston & York (n/e).

WF: #137, War in Europe. Mercs go home (except Irish), Marshal (Stanley), Admiral (Courtenay), Captain (Clifford) to Continent.

Press

Rather enjoying a new game with a ball thrown at stick with an egg on top. An opposing knight tries to hit the ball with the flat of his sword to prevent the egg being toppled. If thye knight hits the ball past the thrower he can run to the opposing stick for a point. Some variations on how to stop the runner are to hit him with a thrown ball, touch him with the ball held by another knight, on outright pile on top of the runner. Could evolve into an interesting scuffle.

Note to cooks: Lots of scramble eggs served for breakfast.

NOBLES: Audley, Greystoke, Herbert, Neville, Roos, Stafford @ Mf; Talbot in Ludlow. Beaufort in
-continued on p 3



KREMLIN

No Takers
Year 2a



The Cast: (in Table order)

Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 3 cards

Doug Kent, Whining Kremlin Pigs (WKP): 3 cards

Paul Barrett, Politburo Bureaucrats (PB): 2 cards & #48

Mike Scott, The California Connection (TCC): 3 cards

Cary Nichols, Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS): 3 cards

Dave Anderson, Decaying, Licentious Antiquarians (DLA): 3 cards

Politburo

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	84++	DLA (7), WKP(3)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	70+	
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	55+	
Defense Minister:	Schrutukov (B)	76w+	
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
Industry Minister:	Boremtudev (K)	66	
Economy Minister:	Nikotin (R)	59	
Sport Minister:	Putchnik (Y)	52	
Candidates:	NOTUZ		People: CDEFHIJLMPQXS

2.1 CURE PHASE: REDS reveal 1 IP on R & Y. PB reveals 1 IP on G. DLA reveals 2 IP on G. DLA orders Aparatschik "A" to take the Cure but PB reveals 2 IP on A and plays #48 "Deal", offering to trade the 2 IP to the highest bidder (payable in Intrigue cards). No one bids. "A" takes the Cure but still ages 1 SP for being PC. Palavrian and Nogoodnik age 1 SP for being sick and sick to 78 respectively. Scrutukov ages 2 SP for being weak and sick to 78.

2.2 PURGE PHASE: DLA plays "NKVD Reals Plot" (#60) on REDS and draws #41 and has it discarded. DLA plays "Informants" (#47) and discovers that WF has __ IP on Bungaloff. Palavrian falls (4) to purge N and ages 3 SP more to 74.

2.3 SPY INVESTIGATION PHASE: No one controls Schrutukov, so no action.

2.4 HEALTH PHASE:

Party Chief Aparatschik (85++) exercises "20" hrs a week, improves to sick.

KGB Head Palavrian (74+) does "15" sit ups, remains sick.

Foreign Minister Nogoodnik (56+) shoots "18" moose, is healed.

Defense Minister Schrutukov (78w+) drinks "17" bottles of kvass, remains sick.

Ideology Chief Bungaloff (54) runs "15" km weekly, remains healthy.

Industry Minister Boremtudev (66) opens "7" new factories, remains healthy.

Economy Minister Nikotin (59) endures "14" briefings, remains healthy.

Sport Minister Putchnik (52) plays in "19" chess tournaments, remains healthy.

Due next time are your orders for the rest of the Turn 2.

Politburo

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	85+0	DLA (7), WKP(3), PB(2)
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	74+	DLA(2), PB(1)
Foreign Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	56	
Defense Minister:	Schrutukov (B)	78w+	
Ideology Chief:	Bungaloff (W)	54	REDS(1)
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Candidates:	NOTUZ		People: CDEFHIJLMPQXS

LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, C# = card # remains as a bribe, 0 = taking the Cure.



BRITANNIA "Gawain" Turn IV



The Cast

Copeland: Purple
Zieske: Green

Anderson: Red
Martin: Blue

Score: Purple 29, Blue 7, Red 4, Green 2.

BOARD

Romans: 2L,F @ Cheshire, Essex, York; 1L,F @ Hwicce, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Sussex, Wessex; F @ Downlands, Galloway, Peninnes, Lindsey, March, N Mercia, S Mercia.

Welsh (2.5): 2A @ Clwyd, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd; 1A @ Devon, Powys.

Brigantes (1.5): (1.5): 2A @ Dalriada, Lothian; 1A @ Dunedin, Strathclyde.

Picts (2): 3A @ Skye; 2A @ Alban, Mar; 1A @ Moray.

Caledonians (0): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys; 1A @ Caithness.

Irish: 2R @ Atlantic.

Scots: 1R @ Irish.

Jutes: 2R @ Channel.

Saxons: 3R @ Channel.

Angles: 2R @ Frisian.

TURN IV

SCOTS: 1R Irish-Strathclyde (6:6 - 1 Scot, 1 Brigante). Score 1 VP.

JUTES: 2R Channel-Frisian-Lindsey (6,1:4 -F, w-Channel). Score 3 VP.

SAXONS: 1A Channel-Cornwall; 2A Channel-Devon (5,4:1 1 Welsh r-Dyfed).

ANGLES: 2R Frisian-North-Dunedin (6,5:6 -1 Angle, 1 Brigante, R w-Frisian)

Turn IV VP:

Blue: Picts (4) + Angles (0) = 4

Green: Welsh (6) + Caledonians (6) = 12

Red: Brigantes (0) + Irish (0) + Saxons (0) = 0

Score: Purple 30, Blue 11, Green 17, Red 4.

TURN V

Romans: 2L,F @ Cheshire, Essex, York; 1L,F @ Hwicce, Kent, Norfolk, Suffolk, Sussex, Wessex; F @ Downlands, Galloway, Peninnes, March, N Mercia, S Mercia.

Welsh (2.5): 3A @ Dyfed; 2A @ Clwyd, Gwent, Gwynedd; 1A @ Powys.

Brigantes (1.5): 2A @ Dalriada, Lothian; L @ ???.

Picts (2): 3A @ Skye; 2A @ Alban, Mar; 1A @ Moray.

Caledonians (0): 2A @ Hebrides, Orkneys; 1A @ Caithness.

Irish: 3R @ Atlantic.

Scots: 1R @ Irish.

Jutes: 4R @ Channel.

Saxons: 3R @ Channel; 2A @ Devon; 1A @ Cornwall.

Angles: 4R @ Frisian.

ROMANS: ...



PUERTO RICO

Turn 8



The Cast:

John Butitta

Andy York

Brad Martin

Bill Salvatore

Ron Fisher

Turn 8

Governor Martin chooses **Builder** (+1d) and build S Sugar (2 cr). Salvatore builds S Warehouse (3d). Fisher builds not. Butitta builds S Warehouse (2d, 1 cr). York (NMR) builds not.

Salvatore chooses **Prospector** (+2d).

Fisher chooses **Prospector** (+2d).

Butitta chooses **Mayor** and places one colonist on L Sugar, one on S Warehouse and one in SJ. York must place one on Sugar & SJ. Martin places one on Corn & L Indigo. Salvatore places one on Tobacco St & S Warehouse. Fisher places one on L Indigo (may rearrange). Colony ship loads 6 new colonists.

York chooses **Craftsman** and produces 4+1 indigo & 1 sugar. Martin produces 2 indigo, 1 sugar & 1 corn. Salvatore produces 2 tobacco, 1 sugar, 1 indigo, 1 corn & 3d. Fisher produce 1 indigo & 1 corn. Butitta produces 1 indigo, 2 corn & 2 sugar. Captain, Settler & Trader gain 1d.

Turn 9

Salvatore: Gov. S Market(x), Tobacco St(x_x), S Sugar(x), S Indigo(x), Factory(x), S Warehouse(x). Corn(x), 2xTobacco(x), Sugar(x), Indigo(x), Tobacco(_), Corn(_). 9d, 5 VP, 2 tobacco, 1 sugar, 1 indigo, 1 corn.

Fisher: S Market(x), Hospice(x), Office(x), L Indigo(x_x). Corn(x), 2xCoffee(x), 3xQuarry(x), Indigo(x). 3d, 4 VP, 1 indigo, 1 corn.

Butitta: Mayor. S Indigo (x), Hospice(x), L Sugar(xxx), S Warehouse(x). Indigo(x), 2xCorn(x), 2xSugar(x), 2xQuarry(x). 3d, 6 VP, 1 SJ, 3 corn, 1 indigo, 2 sugar.

York: S Indigo (x), L Indigo(xxx), S Sugar(x). 4xIndigo(x), 3xSugar(x). 3d, 11 VP, 1 SJ, 4 indigo, 1 sugar.

Martin:Builder. S Indigo (x), L Sugar(x_x), L Indigo(x_x), Hacienda(x), L Market(x), S Sugar(_). 2xIndigo(x), Quarry(x), 2xSugar(x), Sugar(_), Coffee(_), Corn(x), Corn(_). 1d, 9 VP, 2 indigo, 1 sugar, 1 corn.

AVAILABLE BUILDINGS: All but S Market, Hospice, S Indigo, L Indigo, S Warehouse.

AVAILABLE PLANTATIONS: Quarry(x2), Coffee, Corn, Indigo, Sugar, Tobacco(x2)

AVAILABLE ROLES: Captain(1d), Settler(1d), Trader(1d)

COLONY SHIP: 6

SHIPS: 6-ship, 7-ship, 8-ship (6 sugar)

STOCK: 99 VP, 32 colonists, 9 coffee, 6 corn, 0 indigo, 0 sugar, 6 tobacco

TRADING HOUSE: indigo, tobacco

Governor Salvatore chooses ...





BLACKBEARD

Turns 146-152



THE CAST:

1. (Barrett) Tew: Sloop
2. (Zodda) Davis: Sloop
3. (Bargender) Vane**: Sloop
4. (Martin) Rackham: Schooner.

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	P24d&r	+3	6	17	5	2	674	165	--	--	NP
4	Rackham	Scnr	C231	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200	--	--	B
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	14								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	Box1	2	16								
1	Tew	Sloop	P24	+3	4	2	2	7	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	5	5	0	4	0	45	300	2(14,15)--	

The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41
 Merchants: 46, 46, 13, 45
 Warships: B9-4 @ N26
 Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portuguese (#1), Taylor (#3)
 Letters of Marque: PFB

Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13

Destroyed Port: 14, 32

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
146	1	TT moves 1+3 P24-T22, search = no	43, 41
147 3	CV	recovers	*C
		Draw 2 Merchants @ 15	15, 11
		Random Event (reshuffle). Scurvy! CV -1 unr	16, 64
		Draw new merchant @ 21	21, 31
148 2	Matthews	moves Box1-CC20; HD ends D&R	25
149 2	HD	moves 6+3 to S19 & anchors	34
150	2	HD sells booty (165+17d, +1N, +1 unr)	11
		Random Event (reshuffle). Plague! dr ⁰⁶ = 44 = n/e	12, *D, 65
		New Merchant @ 65	41
151	3	CV ransoms Hostage from 15: dr ⁶ = 1: + 110 d.	*A
		Drew New Merchant @ 43	*B, 43, 66
		Warship attacks HD: B9 leaves; new WS blockades in S19	16
152	1	TT moves 6+3 to W15, search = warship	21
		Warship (2) vs TT (3+3); TT avoids interception	36
153	3	CV ransoms hostage from 14: dr ⁶ = 5: + 550 d.	11
		Random Event (reshuffle). B10-4 intercepts TT @ W15	
		TT (5+4+4) vs B10 (5+10); uses Cunning	
		TT (7+4+4) vs B10 (5+10); n/c. TT breaks off	41
154	3		

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	S19a	+3	6	18	5	3	856	--	--	--	NP
4	Rackham	Scnr	C231	+3	5	4	2	7	0	200	--	--	B
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	12sc								
3	Herdman	KC	DD18	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	14sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	W15	+3	4	2	(1)	7	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M22a	+3	5	5	0	3	660	45	300	--	--

The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41
 Merchants: 46, 46, 13, 45, 15, 15, 21, 65, 43
 Warships: ??? @ S19, B10-4 @ W15

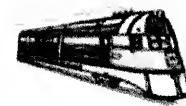
Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13

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RAIL BARON

We Begin!!



THE CAST

Brad Martin, \$20,000
 Chris Bailey, \$20,000
 Andy York, \$20,000
 Ron Fisher, \$20,000

TURNS 0-1

- 0.1: Martin rolls 4-odd and 4-odd = Chattanooga.
 0.2: Bailey rolls 2-even and 7-even = Los Angeles.
 0.3: York rolls 8-even and 4-even = Minneapolis.
 0.4: Fisher rolls 9-even and 8-odd = Rapid City.
 1.1: Martin rolls 9-even and 9-odd = Casper. May swap home with destination.

Due soon are your preferred pawn color and your move when it's your turn.



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"Graw"

3+ Cultures Discovered!



The Cast:

Paul Barrett: Eepeeep
Debbie Anderson: Brego the Wynom in *Secratarlat*
Ron Fisher: Why the Qossuth in *The Thunderbolt Greaselapper II*
Bob Dowrey: Nik

Turns 1.4-3.4

1.4 Nik: Roll 2,3,5. GB-Y-R-B-R-B-Interstellar Biosphere. Discover Wollow, get \$90 IOU. Trade IOU for Paperweight.
2.1 Eepeeep: Trade IOU + \$10 for 2 Pelts.
2.2 Wynom: Roll 2,3,6. Use 6 as Pilot. MGS-NC-Y-B-R-A-(B20, -\$20)-R20-o-Terror Station(s). Discover Zum, get \$100 IOU. Trades IOU for Liquor.
2.3 Qossuth: Roll 1,3,3,4. Use 3 as Pilot. SSW-?(OP)-Shuttlestop-?(OP)-NC-?(B20). Stop.
2.4 Nik: Roll 3,3,6. Use 3 as Pilot. IB-R-B-R-NC-NC-B20(-\$20)-NC-R-Y-A-Dryport(o)(glimpse)-(pick up Relic Yellow Drive).
3.1 Eepeeep: Roll 2,3,5. Comfort Sta(s)-o-B-B-o-R-Y-B-R-B.
3.2 Wynom: Roll 1,4,4. Terror Sta(s)-o-R20. Stop.
3.3 Qossuth: Roll 2,2,3,5. Use 5 as Pilot. B20-NC-OP-NC-NC-B-Y-?(R10 -\$10)-R-o-Poison Port(s). Discover Wynoms, get IOU, end turn.
3.4 Nik: Roll 1,3,5. A-

PLAYER STATUS

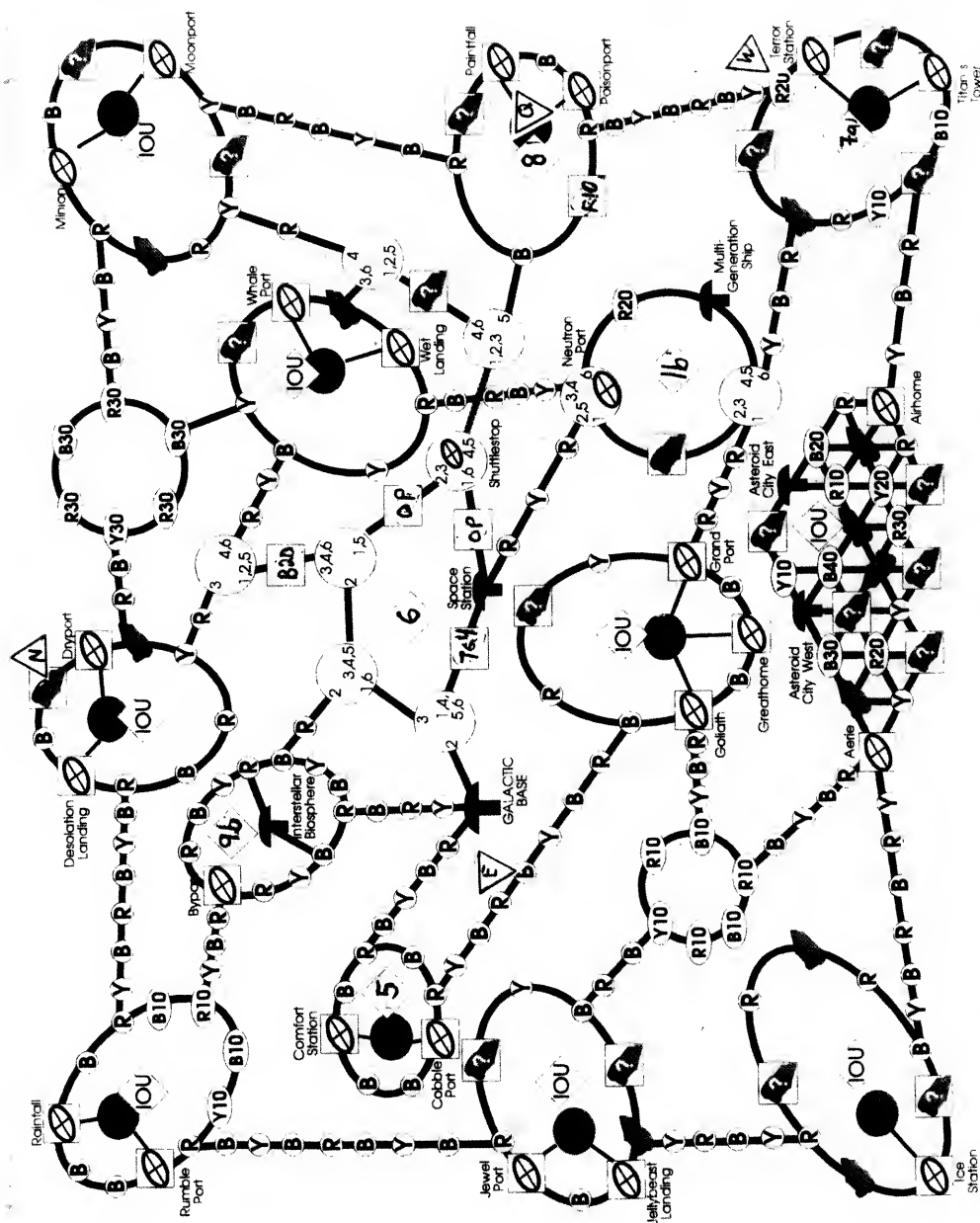
Player	Barrett	Anderson	Fisher	Dowrey
Race	Eepeeep	Wynom	Qossuth	Nik
Ship	Scout	Scout	Clipper	Scout
Cash	\$70	\$0	\$70	\$60
IOUs	--	--	8	--
Hold	2 Pelts	1 Silk, 1 Liquor	--	1 Paperwt
Hull	--	--	--	R Yellow Dr

CULTURE STATUS

Culture	System	Goods	Factory
1a	???	Perfume(x5)	Available
1b	Volos	Silk(x5)	Available
2	???	Spice(x6)	Available
3	Niks	Wine(6)	Available
4a	Dell	Dust(x6)	Available
4b	Humans	Videos(5)	Available
5	Shenna	Pelts(x4)	Available
6	Yxklyx	Grease(x6)	Available
7a	Zum	Liquor(5)	Available
7b	Eepeeeps	Servomechs(x4)	Available
8	Wynoms	Furniture(x5)	Available
9a	Cholos	Genes(x6)	Available
9b	Wollow	Paperwts(x4)	Available
10	Qossuth	Sculpture(x4)	Available

PRESS:

The UHF (United Horse Federation) ship *Secratarlat* and its Pilot Brego greets the Zum and turns in the IOU for 1 Chicle Liquor and toasts their hosts and wins their 2,000,765 game straight of horseshoes.





SILVERTON

Wayne Disputes Again



PLAYER STATUS:

- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$7,600, S+2,S,P,P, #14, #18
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$8,600, S+1,S,P+1,P
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$8,000, S+1,S,P+1,P
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$8,000, S,S,P+2,P, #10, #43

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

- 35 Dolores (L) \$300/\$200
 51 Rangely (C) \$400/\$100
 57 Crested Butte (C) \$400/\$200
 83 Santa Rita (Cu) \$500/\$250
 A1-A6, A19-A20
 42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150
 53 Craig (C) \$200/\$100
 65 Walsenburg (C) \$300/\$150
 104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250

Turn 1b

- #1: Operate #14 (-\$200: 2+6 = 0.5 Ag) & #18 (-\$200: 3+6 = 1 Ag). No deliveries.
 #2: No ops. No deliveries.
 #3: No ops. No deliveries.
 #4: Operate #10 (-\$200: 5+6 = 2 Ag) and 43 (-\$150: 5+6 = 4 C). No deliveries.

The Market: (IDN = 0)

Au: 5 + (0/4) = 5 =	NC 5000	EP L: 7 + 0 - 0 = 7	-1 400
Ag: 6 + (0/2) - 0 = 6 =	NC 2000c	Den C: 8 + 0 - (0/2) = 8	NC 300u
Cu: 4 + (0/2) =	NC 1000l	SLC C: 5 + 0 - (0/2) = 5	+1 300u
Den L: 6 + 0 - 0 =	NC 500	Pueb C: 11 + 0 - 0 =	-2 100u
SLC L: 12 + 0 - 0 = 12	-3 300	SF C: 7 + 0 - 0 =	NC 300l
Pueb L: 5 + 0 - 0 =	+1 600	EP C: 7 + 0 - 0 =	NC 300u
SF L: 6 + 0 - 0 = 6	NC 400		

Turn 2a

- #1: Prospect #57 (Dispute!) & #65 (-\$300). Survey C Springs-Pueblo (-\$500) and S Platte-Fairplay (-\$1500).
 #2: Prospect (+1) #57 (Dispute!) & #53 (Dispute!). Survey (+1) Rollinsville-Hot Sulfur Springs (\$1700) & C Springs-Pueblo (\$500).
 #3: Prospect A20 (-\$375). Survey Rincon-Butte Jct (-\$800).
 #4: Prospect #51 (-\$400) and #53 (Dispute!). Survey SLC-Provo (-\$100) and Heber City-SE (-\$1300)

Dispute Resolution:

- Craig C (#53): #2 vs #4 = 5:10. #4 pays \$200.
 Crested Butte C (#57): #1 vs #2 = 8:8+1. #2 pays \$400.

PLAYER STATUS:

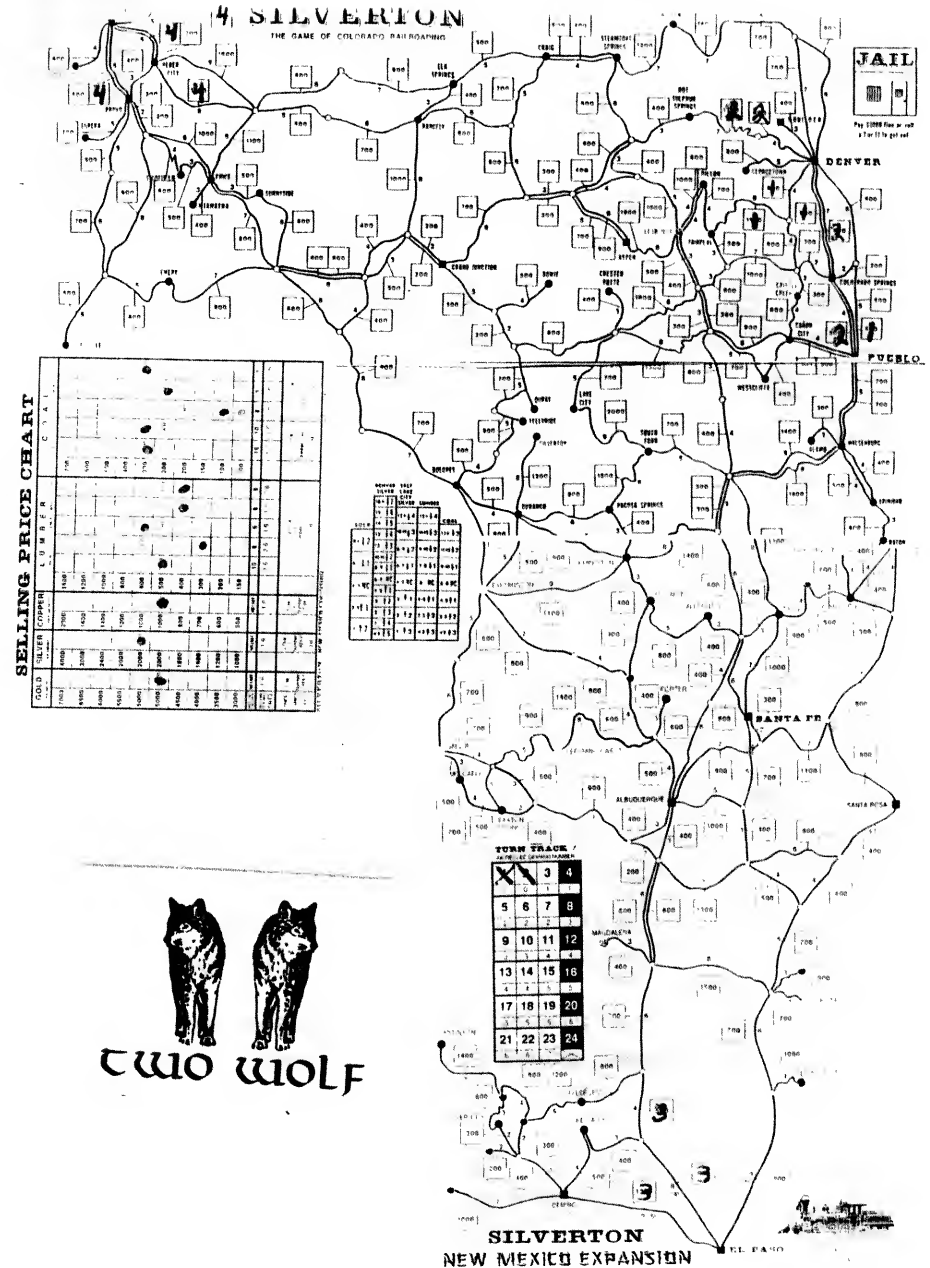
- #1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$4,900, S+2,S,P,P, #14(0.5 Ag), #18(1 Ag), #65
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$6,000, S+1,S,P+1,P, #57
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$6,825, S+1,S,P+1,P, A20
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$6,050, S,S,P+2,P, #10 (2 Ag), #43 (4 C), #51, #53

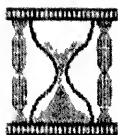
AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

- 6 Georgetown (Au) \$00/\$150
 35 Dolores (L) \$300/\$200
 42 Vallecitos (L) \$300/\$150
 83 Santa Rita (Cu) \$500/\$250
 A1-A6, A19-A20
 15 Aspen (Ag) \$300/\$150
 39 Lumberton (L) \$800/\$250
 78 Hillsboro (Ag) \$500/\$200
 104 South Fork (Ag) \$500/\$250

Claims in bold are unworked.

Due next times are your orders for Turn 2 operations and deliveries and Turn 3 prospecting and





HISTORY OF THE WORLD

KUKAS



THE CAST:

Dave Anderson: Orange
Cary Nichols: Azure

Kevin Wilson: Green
Rudy Zodda: Purple

Laird Khaoz: Ebony
Wayne Morrison: Red

Optionals: Preservation of Culture, Fortresses, Persistence of Culture, and US Navy are in play.

THE BOARD:

A1: Dni, NEP, Tur, WSt(2); **AIII:** Bal, CEu, Cre, Dal(2), LRh(2), Mor(c), NAP, Sca.
E1: Mal(c,f); **EII:** BSb, Cau, UT(OM), WAn; **EIII:** GaD(2,C,EM), PPI(RM,c); **EIV:** EDe(C), EGh, GaV, Lin(RM), PSD, Uln(RM).
G1: Pal(c,f); **GIII:** Alb, CMa, NGa, Nil(GM), Pin(AM), Pyr(2), SAp(C,GM,Religion); **GIV:** Dan, ...; **GVI:** Sha.
O1: Lib; **OII:** Lev, LT(c,f), MT(c), Nub, UN(c,F); **OIII:** Eln, Yan.
P1: Sze; **PIII:** Che, GPC(c,OM), Mon, Tar(PM), Wei, Yel(PM).
R1: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2), Sib(c,f), WDe; **RII:** EAn(EM), Lev; **RIII:** Zag(C,RM).
Fleets: Bla(R), BoB(E), EMS(G), Nth(E), SCS(O), WMS(G).

Score (VP/SP): E(71/29), G(46+/46), P(39/20), O(62/24), A(31/26), R(52/28)

GUTHS (G): Play "N. American Migrants" (1GII @ PSb & GPI) and "Rebellion" in EDe (2,2:6 fail). Play 1A @ Dan (1AIII r-Dal), 2A @ Bal (4,4:3,2; 6,4:4,4 -1GIV, 1AIII), 4A @ CEu (6,4:6,2; 3,2:6,6; 4,1:6,6; 6,5:6,3; 4,2:6,5; 5,5:6,5; 5,1:5,4; 5,2:2,1-3GIV, 1AIII), 2A @ Dni 5,2:6; 4,1:2 -1GIV, 1A), 1A @ Cau (3,1:3; 4,1:5 -1GIV). Score: 46 + Religion(1) + C(1x2) + c(1) + M(2x2 +1) + S(2) + Mid E(P=3) + N Afr(P=2) + S Eur(D=6) + N Eur(D=4) = 72.

HMS (A): Play "Kingdom" @ Gol (+1AII,f,c) and "Disaster in Mts" @ Zag (-RM,C, +c). Play 1A @ WSt (2A1 r-NEP), 1A @ Est, Mon(4,2:4,4; 6,6:6,6; 6,5:4,1 -1PIII), Man, Kor, Hon, Hok; 3A @ Cau (2,1:6; 3,2:3; 5,1:6; 3,2:1 -2AIV, 1EII); 1A @ EAn (6,2:3,1 -1RII & RF @ Bla), Zag (5,3:1 -1RIII,c), PPL (4,4:4; 5,3:4 -1IV,c), PSD (5,1:6 -1AIV). Score: 31 + c(2) + M(2) + Mid E(P=3) + S Eur(P=2) + N Eur(P=2) = 42.

BYZANTINES (P): Play "Famine" in S Europe (-1GIII @ Pyr, -1AIII @ Dal). Play "Kingdom" in Hig (1PIII,c,f). Play 1A,C @ Bal (1GIV r-Dan); 4A @ Pin (4,2:5,2; 5,4:6,1; 3,2:6,4; 4,4:4,2; 6,4:5,2 -3PIV, 1GIII); 2A @ Dal (3,1:3,3; 3,3:4,1; 6,5:6,6; 4,3:4,5; 4,3:5,3; 4,3:4,2; 5,1:5,1; 6,5:5,2 -1PIV, 1AIII); 1A @ Nap (6,1:3 -1AIII), SAp (6,3:3 -1GIII,C, +c, Religion moves to Bal); 1F @ Bla; 1A @ WAn (5,2:2 -1EII), CMa (6,4:6,2; 5,2:3,1). Score: 39 + Religion(1) + C(1x2) + c(3) + M(2x2 +2) + S(1) + Mid E(P=3) + China(D=6) + S Eur(D=4) + N Eur(P=2) = 68.

TANG DYNASTY (O): Play 1A,C @ Yan (-1OIII), 1A @ Sze (2,1:2; 6,6:3 -1PI); 2A @ GPC (2,2:3; 6,5:4 -1OIV, 1PIII), Yel (5,2:5; 5,2:1 -1PIII), Wei (4,2:2 -1PIII), Tar (5,3:1 -1PIII), Che (6,1:1 -1PIII), Si-K, SoJ, Tur (6,1:5 -1AI). Score: 62 + C(1x2) + c(3) + M(2x2 +2) + S(2) + Mid E(P=3) + N Afr(D=4) + China(C=9) + SE Asia(P=2) = 93.

Emperor and Empress Anderson are visting the outer provinces during the 4th of July. The Columbus of O-hi-O.

We will meet other loyal subjects at new game called History of the World or may dapple in Diplomacy.

ARABS: No Show.

KHMEERS (R): Play "Civil War" @ Yan (4,2:3 -1OIV,C +1RIII,c), GPC (6,2:4 -1OIV +1RIII; -OF @ SoJ), & Sze (5,1:1 -1OIV +1RIII). Play "Rebellion" @ BSb (3,3:6 = n/c). Play 1A,C @ Mek, 1A SiK (4,1:4; 6,2:1 -1OIV), 2A @ Che (6,4:6; 4,1:4; 2,1:6; 3,2:2 -1RIV, -1OIV), 1F @ SCS (6,2:4 -OF). Score: 52 + C(2x2) + c(2) + M(2) + S(1) + Mid E(P=3) + China(D=6) + India(P=3) + S Eur(P=3) + SE Asia(P=2) = 78.

Score (VP/SP): E(71/29), P(68/32), R(78/32), O(90/35), A(42/40), G(72/46)

THE BOARD:

A1: NEP(3); **AII:** Gol(c,f); **AIII:** Cre, LRh(2), Mor(c), Sca; **AIV:** Cau, EAn(EM), ESt, Hok, Hon, Kor, Man, Mon, PPI(RM), WSt, Zag.
E1: Mal(c,f); **EII:** BSb, UT(OM); **EIII:** GaD(2,C,EM); **EIV:** EDe(C), EGh, GaV, Lin(RM), PSD, Uln(RM).
G1: Pal(c,f); **GII:** GPI, PSb; **GIII:** Alb, NGa, Nil(GM), Pyr(2); **GIV:** CEu, Dan(2), Dni; **GVI:** Sha.
O1: Lib; **OII:** Lev, LT(c,f), MT(c), Nub, UN(c,F); **OIII:** Eln; **OIV:** Tar(PM), Tur, Wei, Yel(PM).
PIII: Hig(c,f); **PIV:** Bal(C,Religion), CMa, Dal, NAP, Pin(AM), SAp(c,GM), WAn.
R1: CAm(C), Gui, Hin(2), Sib(c,f), WDe; **RII:** Lev; **RIII:** GPC(OM), Sze, Yan(c,OM); **RIV:** Che, Mek(C), SiK.
Fleets: Bla(P), BoB(E), EMS(G), Nth(E), SCS(R), WMS(G).

EPOCH V:

Ebony holds. Purple holds. Red passes to Green. Orange holds. Azure must hold or pass to Red. Green must pass to Azure, if Azure passed to Red, or to Red, if Azure holds.

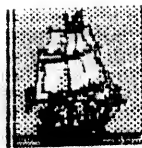
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1895: Hanna, Zieske

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland

ATTIKA: Barrett

BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A

CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zieske, Fryling (need 1 to 7 more)

COLONIAL DIP: Burgdorf, Copeland, Nichols, Dave A (need 3 more)

DIPLOMACY: K Wilson, Copeland, Nichols, Fryling (need 3 more)

EVO: Barrett

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 or 5 more

LIFT-OFF!: York, Dave Anderson

MACHIARELLI: Nichols, Dave A, Scott, Barrett (need 0-4 more)

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A (need 4-8 more)

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott, Martin

SAMURAI (AH): Copeland

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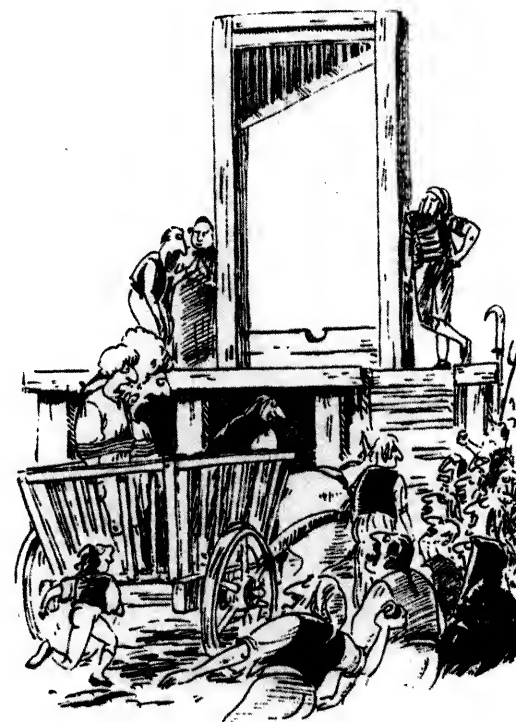
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